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THERE ARE REPORTED PROGRAMS FOR THE COLLECTION AND CACHEING OF FIREARMS (HOWEVER, NONE OF THE INTERVIEWEES COULD GIVE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR ANY OF THE CACHES, NOR HAD THEY SEEN ANY).

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ON NOVEMBER 19, 1978, DEPUTY CHIEF CLEM D'ANICIS, SAN FRANCISCO PD, SPENT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO TEMPLE AND WAS ASKED IF HE DESIRED TO "LOOK AROUND", WHICH HE DID. HE SAW WEAPONS, BUT THE "SEARCH" WAS NOT A THOROUGH ONE. LATER IN THE EVENING, NOVEMBER 19, 1978, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE (COP) CHARLES GAIN ENTERED THE TEMPLE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND SAW NO WEAPONS.

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CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S OFFICE ADVISED THAT HIS BODY WOULD ARRIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SFIA) VIA MILITARY PLANE AT 5:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 21, 1978, WHERE IT WILL BE MET BY AGENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING ANY WITNESSES. CURRENT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1978, AND BURIAL SCHEDULED FOR THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETARY, SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA (APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO). SECRET SERVICE, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CAPITOL POLICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 21, 1978, A.M., AND ASSIST LOCAL POLICE IN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THEY ADVISED THE CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL ARRIVE SFIA 10:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 22, 1978. ATTENDEES SCHEDULED TO STOP AT CROSBY AND GRAY FUNERAL HOME, BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA, ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, AND THEN TO CEMETARY. SUBSEQUENTLY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND RECEPTION AT AIRPORT HILTON HOTEL, SFIA. CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C., P.M.,

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BONNIE LOIS THIELMANN, FEMALE WHITE, 23 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.
ALL OF THE ABOVE PERSONS WERE EXTREMELY TIRED UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, AND WHILE THE INTERVIEWS COVERED THE BASICS, FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEWS ARE PLANNED AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE IN BETTER CONDITION.
JAMES COBB JR., SUPPLIED THE BEST INSIGHT INTO THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH IS MUCH THE SAME AS THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BALTIMORE'S TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1978. COBB ADDS THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS HE SAW ON THE TRAILER FROM WHERE THE SHOOTING CAME:
BOB KICE, TOM KICE, JOE WILSON, ALBERT TOUCHETTE, EDDIE CRENSHAW, WESLEY OLNUI, RON JAMES, AND RON TALLY.
HE WITNESSED THE TWO KICES, WILSON, AND TOUCHETTE FIRE POINT BLANK AT FALLEN VICTIMS APPLYING THE COUP D'GRAS. HE BELIEVES THAT ONE OF THE LAST FOUR NAMES LISTED ABOVE WAS THE DRIVER OF THE TRACTOR WHICH PULLED THE ASSAULT TRAILER, BUT COULD NOT SEE THE ENTIRE ASSAULT TRAILER TO DETERMINE IF MORE PERSONS WERE RIDING THEREON. HE OBSERVED ONLY SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES USED AS WEAPONS.
GRACE STOEN, WHO LEFT IN 1973, WAS, SHORTLY BEFORE HER LEAVING, IN CHARGE OF THE WEAPON INVENTORY AND STATED THAT AT THAT TIME THE GROUP HAD 176 VARIOUS WEAPONS, WHICH WERE EVENTUALLY BROUGHT TO THE PT IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THEN SHIPPED TO GUYANA BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

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